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## Bennington Lake open longer to vehicle traffic starting March 1

**Walla Walla, Wash.,** -- Bennington Lake will be open longer to vehicle traffic on March 1, according to a Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers park manager.

Starting March 1, Bennington will be open to motor vehicle traffic from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, said Dave Hays, Mill Creek park manager.

"Access for pedestrians, bicyclists, and horseback riders remains unchanged -- 5 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily. Bennington Lake is closed to all public access from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. daily," Hays said.

Currently, motor vehicle access is available only from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Bennington Lake is the only public lake in the Walla Walla Valley. Throughout the spring, the lake is stocked with rainbow trout to enhance fishing. Internal combustion engines are not allowed on the lake; however electric trolling motors are permitted.

Visitors seeking year-round recreation may enjoy boating, hunting, fishing, picnicking, and swimming, as well as bicycling, strolling, rollerblading, jogging, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and wildlife viewing at the three recreation areas located within Mill Creek: Bennington Lake, the Mill Creek Recreation Trail, and Rooks Park.

For more information, call the Mill Creek Project office at (509) 527-7260.

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